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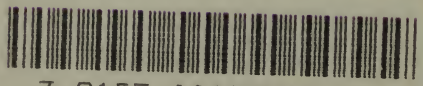

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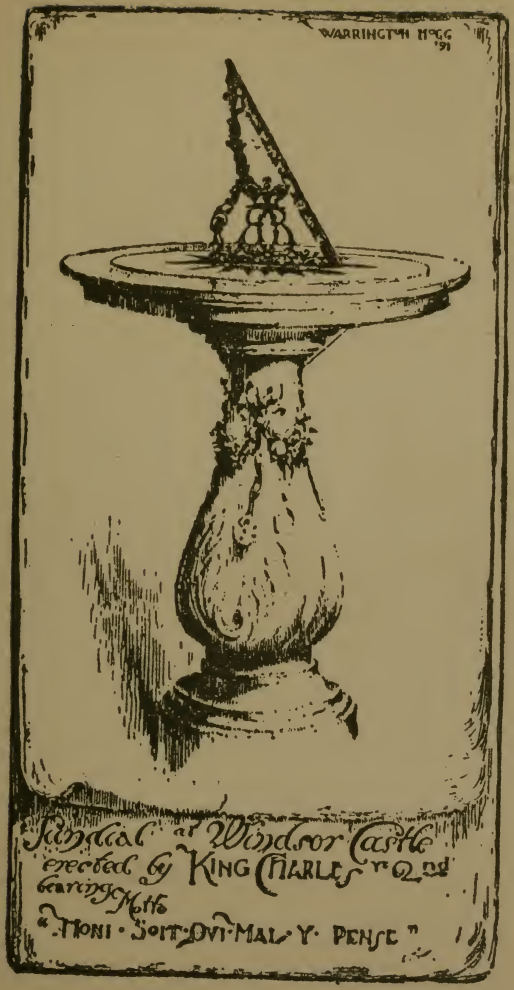
WARRINGTON HOGG '91
Tripod at Windsor Castle
erected by KING CHARLES IInd
bearing Motto
"HONI · SOIT · QVI · MAL · Y · PENSE"

OLD SUNDIALS

BY LAUNCELOT CROSS

WAS the divine not wrong in his witty reply to the question, "What is Time?" "A piece of Eternity cut off at both ends!" A man in his beginning, his continuance upon earth, and his end, is in and of the Eternal.

Then what is Time? Nothing. Not even as much as smoke: less is it than the shadow of a shade! A certain succession of natural phenomena has been observed; man creates out of these an imaginary something, and names it Time! He afterwards embodies this fantastical creature and presents a bent, bald old man moving as with palsied step, yet wearing wings; he has one great forelock; he carries a scythe and a sand-glass.

So has man played with the phenomena which determine his entrance, experience, exit. But there has been a long prologue to this tragi-comedy. The sun appears to rise and set; whilst it shines, man names the period, day: he draws an imaginary line in the centre of its shining course, or notes when it is highest in the heavens,

and calls that mid-day. He then proceeds with the invention of intermediate imaginary lines, and names the intervals hours, minutes, seconds. Hence arose time-measures of many kinds, of which the noblest and chief is the sundial. Man's innate respect for this in its authority and veracity is shown in his usually placing upon it mottoes of admonition, as for a perpetual memorial.

A dial motto—to use a forcible idiom—requires you all by yourself, like an engaging beauty or a death's-head. Three seldom count in the true confession: four or more are, at the best, mere confusion. If a husky-voiced antiquary were to discourse upon a sundial to some of the elect of his fraternity, although it were in a green country churchyard with the severe stillness of nature around, the aroma of the motto would instantly depart. The exhortative words would remain—but, harsh to the eye, cold to the ear—the spirit that gave them life would be flown. The parting genius would be with sighing sent. In the bare, chilly room of a museum a sundial lecture would be worse. The serious grace or pious cheerfulness of the sun-

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shine gossip, tricked out in gauds of language foreign to her original condition and purpose, would be resolved into grotesque jocoseness. No, in the first instance, the only voice to be heard in the moment of communion with the dial should be that of the neighbouring stream, still musical after a thousand years, or the lark's vesper song in the blue above, ere it descends to repose beneath the sod of the field. In the other—dismantled and displaced—the dial should rest in some dusky corner, difficult of discovery, unvisited by any ray of light; and, if brought forth to its native day, its own whisper alone should be heard preaching to the hopes, the vanities, and destiny of man.

No dial motto has a proper flavour until its years exceed those of the American Republic. It must, at least, be seasoned by a century of winters, have slowly ripened beneath twice ten thousand summer and autumn suns. Its place should be known of the generations of butterflies and birds; the creeping and clinging mosses should be old, constant friends. It is charms like these which stimulate the motto-hunters to seek for the dial in village churchyards, near yew trees

dark with the glooms of four hundred years, and in the lichened courts of ruined halls; in some Convent *della Quieta*, whose very name breathes repose, and in the green and flowery silences of ancient gardens. Yet all places, beautiful and picturesque, or of dust and discord, have the industrious attention of the true motto-hunter; nor is any region without interest wherein the voice of the dial is heard. Heidelberg and Darlington; Constantinople and Turnham Green; Arles and Totley Brook; Bonneville and Great Sankey; Carville Hall and Brussels; Cookbury Church and Heriot's Hospital; Versailles and Wellingborough; Jamaica and High Street, Kensington; the solemn but beautiful prospect of Churriana, near Malaga; the Scotch farmstead and the busy street in Italy; the lonely villa on the olive-clad slopes; the hospital; the tavern; the monastery; the cathedral; the thatched cottage —are equally dear to the single-heartedness of the hunter for sundial mottoes.

And strange indeed are the character and variety of the treasures that they gather for our wonder and admiration. "I live by thy presence, and my usefulness ends in thy silence," says the

In the
Church-yard
of
HEADCORN.
KENT.
1763

dial to the sun at Courmayeur. The Florentine dial utters the same sentiment in briefer, sadder tone, "In shadow I cease." But we should prefer a brighter view of things. The Swedish Master Olaf is to be admired, who ordained that weather-grumblers should do penance in the churchyard. At Rho, near Milan, the motto is, "The Sun gives me Life and Speech," which is of nobler import than "I have Life and Death in Darkness," as whispered at Cessila, near Bietta. It is as of a divine melody to hear in the Isle of Man the mute exhortation, "Praise the Good Day in the evening." Surely these words contain something of the spiritual truth known in the sacred verse, "In the evening thou shalt have Light." The grateful heart, by whatsoever shadows it be compassed, shall never be without such comforting visitation, and when the night is overpast, the dial at Walkern Church sounds the forward march of praise, from the sixty-third Psalm: "O God, Thou art my God: early will I seek Thee"—which is explained by the Jewish worship on the first glimpse of the rising sun.

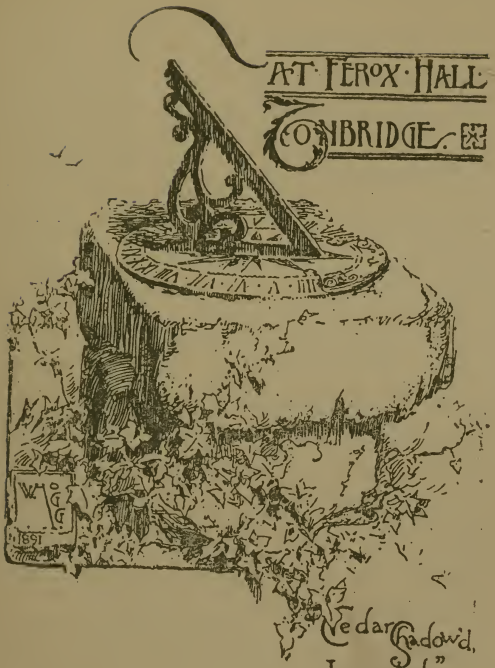
Should an occasion arise in future ages when a sun-worshipper from the East, from the place

that has been the home of his people for six thousand years, shall come to explore the ruinous heaps of Europe, he will find altar-like stones which have stood in open air with inscriptions upon them; also, inscriptions of similar purport on temple and house and in the market-place, wherever he may wander; and these inscriptions being interpreted, he may exclaim: "Behold these nations were of my Religion. Great is the Religion of the Sun!"

On the walls of a suppressed monastery, near Florence, he would read:

My Life is the Sun; God is the Life of Man. Man without Him is as I am without the Sun,

which is pregnant with deepest mystical thought. As we learned above from the dial-plate at Rho, near Milan, the sun in a natural sense gives life and speech to the dial. But, as well as the natural life, the spiritual life of the Divine flows into man from the heavens through the agency of the sun. "Nought but by a ray from heaven," he would find displaced from the south door of the Virgin's Church, at Lower Heyford, but the same language perhaps would still appear over the


AT FEROX HALL
CAMBRIDGE
"Cedar Shadowed,
Ivy clad"

church porch at Haydon Bridge, Northumberland.

A celebration of the sun might be remaining; a testimony of the lessons preached to the millions of busy London on the south wall of St Katharine Cree, Leadenhall Street. "Show me the light of thy countenance," at Abbeyfield, would tell the longing of the departed pious, light-loving spirits; whilst at Finchley; in the north of Italy; at Ripley, in Surrey, and at other places, the wondrous words, "Light is the Shadow of God," make plain the unspeakable reverence of the peoples for their Deity, in whose very shadow they rejoice and have their life. The same tenour of religious thought speaks on the dial-stone at Moccas Court, Hertfordshire: "The Sun is the light and glory of the world." And at Nuremberg the votive inscription often appears, "The Sungod, to Him be glory." But at Monthey, in the Canton du Valais, and again at Bonneville, above the sacred record of the dial's hours, above the carven radiant countenance of the Sungod, he would find engraven: "Soli! Soli! Soli!" On altars in our island, which are Roman, he would read the words:

"Deo Soli—To God the Sun": "Deo Soli invicto—To God the Sun unconquerable." But in the distant ages, there would be nothing to inform as to different faiths having existed in Europe. The wanderer could only interpret all these mottoes as widespread exhortations of the religion of Mithra to pious hearts and busy minds; and "Soli! Soli! Soli!" he would render: "To the peerless Sun we only," the secret society of Mithraists.

But this disciple of the Religion of the Sun, which, for upwards of six thousand years, has drawn auguries of truth and hope from the ascending flame of the peaceful sacrifice by fire; the wanderer in whose spirit burn the great words of his mighty prophet Zoroaster—

He Who before Time was, by His own Light
Kindled to Life the myriad Lights of
Heaven:

soon as his pilgrimage began, during its continuance, he would be burdened with the thought: "What a heart of sorrow has been the possession of these vanished peoples throughout their long generations! Even in the very presence of the sun, its joys and immortality, the most fre-

Over the doorway of a boot-shop at RYE
W. Hoag 1893.

quent tributes on their altars of light have been of trembling fear."—"Remember thou must die!" is told in the atmosphere of light and pleasure on the ivy-clad church between the lakes of Brienz and Thun. "Think upon thine end" moans the church at Interlachen to those who are taking a holiday sip of joy. "One of the hours will be the last of life" is sighed from the church near Queen Hortense's chateau of Arnemburg. "Look upon the hour, and remember Death!" thunders the menace from the town-house of the Barons of Hylton. "Fear one hour!" is the warning of St Pierre on the Great St Bernard Road, at Gap, and in Piedmont.

"Fear the last!" weeps Notre Dame, at Roscoff, in Brittany, a fishing-village and bathing-place, to deprave the pleasure-seeker's imagination and toll in the memories of storm and shipwrecks. At Barnard Castle, and at Kirkleatham, to chasten every delight, and wither earthly hope, the dial motto declared "Every hour shortens Life."

Such are some of the sad paraphrases of the gilded Memento Mori which has darkened the hearts of mankind for centuries, until Arcan-

gelo's wit translated it: "Down with the dust!" But, after all, these are only melancholy generalities. Death's dart has been specially sharpened and sent home by the saints of despair. At Voltri, near Genoa the Superb, man's present triumph of godlike faculties gets twenty-four hours' warning from the dial, no more: "To-morrow may bring the hour of thy death." Smile at that, ye joyous and patient holy ones, if you can! Or will you go to Les Orres, Canton d'Embrun, Dauphiné; and jubilant with grateful health, thy spirit keep a brief festival of loving thought and laughter, all of which, of a truth, is recognised there on the altar of the sun? But lo! it wears the sentiment with a difference:

The flowery day—man's pride—
Conducts to dusty death.

Or, perchance, at another place you will rejoice in the "strange superfluous glory of the air," and dance forward to read the dial's golden hours. But sudden woe and eclipse of sorrow ensue. The rose fades from the cheek, and a smell of hemlock sickens the sense as you read "Soon comes night!" Or will you with Burns's mirth in your veins, verify a sundial motto

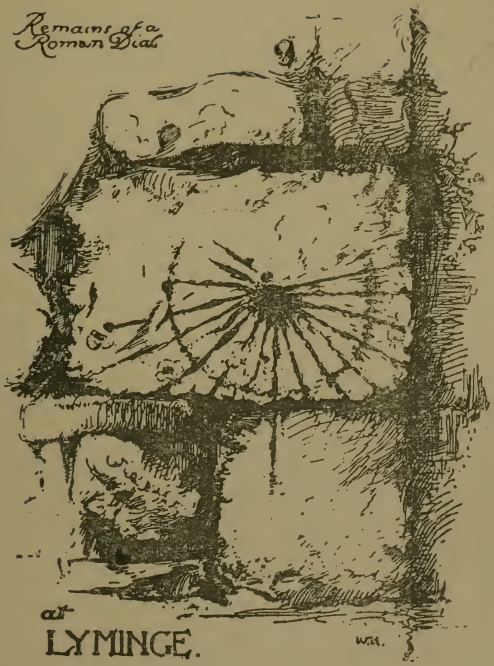
in the ever-welcome, laughter-tinkling song "Within a Mile of Edinbro' Toon," and there light upon Liberton House—the very arrow of noon will pierce you as with the fork of the charnel-house worm in these words, "As the Sun runs, so Death comes." In such manner can Time's scythe be sharpened on the whetstone of joyous light, for the instant destruction of its bright, particular flowers. But the consummation devoutly to be wished for by a Christendom of despondency has been provided in the tribute of an iron prince, in a votive tablet "To the Lord who hath established the heavens; who hath founded the earth in His wisdom; whose is the whole earth and the fulness thereof." From Middlesbrough it is that deep-toned sentence comes, "On thine eyelids is the shadow of Death." Sounds are these out of the realms of sorrow and deep night, on which no star shines nor any hope.

The very word Dial has been punned into a death's anatomy, from whose fleshless grasp there is no escape. "We shall die all" ornamented the wall of an old public-house at Peterborough, after the antique Egyptian manner, to

incite the deep carouse for forgetfulness of life. "Make speed to be merry; in the green sod the sexton's spade has measured your last sleeping-place; the worm craves for thee in the charnel-house; drink deep of the oblivious beer." At Millrigg, near Penrith, the traveller and the dial have conferred together, and the shivering wayfarer has confessed, "Thy name is die-all; I am a mortal creature." And similar dusty, worm-eaten, obtuse jocoseness, for the illumination of those reverencing the Lord of Life and Light, has been recorded at Blackden House, near Crewe; in woody Sussex, at Buckstead Churchyard; at Writhlington, Somerset, and many other places beautiful and full of airy thoughts. Yea, in some cases with artistic figurativeness this has been repeated, omitting the dreary word, as indicated in the lines:—

Within God's acre, Death with dart met Fun;
Fun laughed: "Age must have hoary locks or dye!
Grave friend, now some Memento Mori pun—
One chuckle—let thy mouldy lips now try."
Death strove to speak; but failing on the trial,
With bony finger pointed to the—Dial.

In ye Deanery
Garden,
Rochester.
W Hogg
1693


Remains of a
Roman Dial
at
LYMINGE.

Thoughts like these war against every power of life. "They are homage," would the sun-worshipper say, "to Ahriman and the Powers of Darkness, under the clear celestial dome of Ormuzd, and amidst the highest splendours of his service of life, radiance, and song."

Let us be at once delivered from the bondage of that death. Should we not, indeed, extend the wish of Burns as to the author of evil and dark thoughts to the sombre Christian spirits who would invent such phrases as we have quoted, and say "tak' a thought and mend"? Has it to be light over the dial, and dark within us? No. Let us ever be strong in heart, and cry with the dial on the lawn at Mountains, near Hildenborough—"Dawn Golden Hour." There! That bright word loosens the tightening at the heart from the many *Memento Mori's*. Now, listen to the voice from the tower of Long Sutton Church—"Sunshine for all." That motto sheds a blessing through the air. It is sweeter than sound of church bells; it is at once a canticle of praise and thanksgiving. A sister motto we hear of at Bruges—Bruges of the many shrines, the shining statue, the paintings divine, the

musical carillons: "May no hour pass which it is not a delight to remember."

But of sundial mottoes the most cheerful and serene, the crown, is that:

I count the bright hours only!

It is found at Cawdor House, near Glasgow, springing with life after two hundred years; at Bournstream House after nearly a century more. It is on the walk behind Harrow Chapel; it is in Wales; it is in a village near Como; at Campo Dolcino; and at many other places, where there have been healthy, happy minds. It is spoken of in many tongues, perhaps softest in the Italian, at Mrs Charles Cowden Clarke's home, Villa Novello, Genoa. It captivated the imagination of Hazlitt, near Venice, and he wrote: "There is a softness and a harmony in the words and in the thought unparalleled. Of all conceits it is surely the most classical. 'I count only the hours that are serene.' What a bland and care-dispelling feeling! How the shadows seem to fade on the dial plate as the sky lowers, and time presents only a blank, unless its progress is marked by what is joyous and all that is not happy sinks into oblivion! What a fine lesson is conveyed to the

mind—to take no note of time but by its benefits, to watch only for the smiles and neglect the frowns of fate, to compose our lives of bright and gentle moments, turning always to the sunny side of things, and letting the rest slip from our imaginations unheeded or forgotten!"

That motto, indeed, like the dial itself, stands above Fortune's changes. Night after night it is clothed in darkness; many are the days and the weeks when the storm rushes round it. Yet, although beaten by rain, smitten sorely by the wind, pierced by the ice-blasts of winter; one half of its existence passed beneath the mantle of night; let there be but one break in the clouds, one clear peep of the dawn, one flash of sunset, and the dial smiles and speaks. "I forget the anger, the darkness, the pain; I am happy, 'I count the bright hours only.'"

There is a class of boastful mottoes, opposed to the natural freedom of the spirit of man. In the following, found in Piedmont, there is a sound of praise which adds poison to the sting of its sneer: "Thou knowest my hour—not thine." The servant there sets himself above his master, and his master likes none of it.

In Brittany there is a displeasing arrogance in the proclamation: "The Light rules me; the shadow thee." And it gains no importance by appearing on the wall of the town-hall, Saltash; nor at Barlow Hall, Lancashire—scoffing still after three hundred years of effrontery. Of a milder assumption are these words, as to hours and men, and very appropriate in their position, being affixed to an Italian farmhouse chimney: "We are Smoke and Shadow." But better suited to man in his endurance and hopes is the consideration found on the pillar-dial in Michel-dean Rectory garden, and in Italy: "They perish and are reckoned"; or, with larger truth, outside the Dean's Kitchen, at Durham: "Suns depart and are reckoned"—significant of the care of the Eternal Father, in whose sight the periods of systems and the brief life of man have their respective values; but to Him man is dearer than myriads of suns; his very minutes fall unobserved in convent calm: on stormy seas; in sleepy orchards; or noisy, busy centres of commerce they pass—to the world's observation they perish; but by the Almighty Father they are every one of them reckoned.

However, the natural mind of man has strongly resented the glooms and moralisings, at some of which we have glanced—this obscuration of the sun at noontide, this breaking up of the laughter into little sighs. An instance can be seen on the Camphill Farm, Yorkshire:

Time wastes us, our bodies and our wits;
And we waste time: so time and we are quits.

A window dial at Nun Appleton, Yorkshire, laughs from its four corners, in illustration of Ovid's verse:

Autumn gives fruits: summer fair with corn appears:
Spring bestows flowers: winter's fire cheers.

And in geniality, nothing in Rabelais or Burns exceeds the line: "To friends—any hour they please," articulated near Chatillon, and at Murano, near Venice; whilst at a small tavern on the winding shores of Como, this is the hearty appeal:

When the path of the sun is free from clouds;
To the weary traveller it brought round the hour
Which calls him to refreshment and mirth.

But there is even plainer speaking than this,

as on the sign of a public-house near Grenoble: "This is the Hour of Drinking"; extended a little near Fenestrellis: "O wayfarer, behold the hour of drinking": which smacks of the real vintage of joy; calls up a circle of rubicund hours, and awakens the voice of Anacreon's muse:

Nothing in Nature's sober found:
But an eternal health goes round.
Fill up the bowl, then—fill it high,
Fill all the glasses there; for why
Should every creature drink but I,
Why, man of morals, tell me why?

Nor has other rollicking fun, and free play of lighter merriment, been altogether chastised out of the sundial. Evidence of that is got in the supposed Welsh inscription to the sun, or to man, deciphered in Dean Cotton's garden at Bangor: "Goa bou tyo urb us in ess," the interpretation of which can be learned in the wholesome mirth attending the origin of another motto. When one was wanted for Inner Temple Terrace dial, and the artist went by arrangement to hear what was fixed upon, a testy old gentleman, to whom the question was put, cried: "Begone about your business!" The artist took

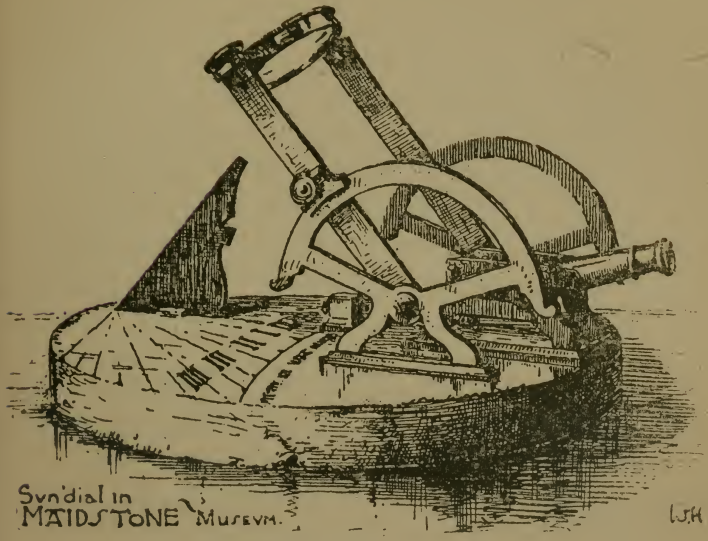
"A Dial is the Anotomie of the Day and a Scale of Miles for the Journie of the Sun."

that as his answer and painted the words. They were approved of by the Benchers, and have been repeated on a dial at High Lane, Cheshire, on the gable of a cottage between Stockport and New Mills; at the church of Bury St Edmunds; and at Chesterton church, Warwickshire.

Let the sundial magnify itself through its motto as much as may be; declare on Pieve church, in the Romagna: "I am the infallible measurer of Time"—and self-praise like that is difficult to excel; yet, let it be accepted, and repeated on a hundred dials, but let the genuine dial-mottoes be true, as in the ministration so in their duty towards humanity, to cheer, to ennoble, not to disconcert and depress. "Know thyself," said the inscription at Delphos; and it has been used as a dial-motto on the cross dial at Elleslie, near Chichester; on Whitley Hall, Ecclesfield. But more apt and of as wide suggestiveness in its wisdom is that Greek motto in Ely Cathedral: "Know the season." There can, indeed, be found on some dials homilies five inches long of more efficacy than sermons extending over as many Sundays. "It is the hour for well-doing," at Nice, and at The Beeches,

Bowden, Cheshire; also, the motto at Mount Melville, St Andrews: "Hence learn to live"; the simple exhortation in the shy village of Evam, Derbyshire: "Take to thyself a wise mind"; the home-thrust phrase: "Stick to your promises," at Niddrie Marischal near Edinburgh; and the trumpet-tongued "Remove not the ancient landmark," on the shaft of the dial in Folkestone churchyard, on the spot where, by force of ancient charters, the mayor of the town was annually elected:—these are admonitions of the noblest order and worthy of a shrine in the memory. Serious they may be, but they have a lofty brightness. They make no shadows in a sunshine place.

A dial in itself is, indeed, more than a mere tell-tale of time. Carlyle, to rebuke narrow antiquarianism, cried out: "Nature alone is antique, and the oldest art a mushroom; that idle crag thou sittest on is six thousand years of age." But if that be the lesson of Time and Eternity from the crag, what must be that from the dial? The stone, of which it is formed, is in age ten times six thousand years, and more, as we can now say. It represents not the uncountable ages


Sun'dial in
MAIDSTONE Museum.
L.J.H.

alone, but the culture of man during those great periods. It is hewn, and it is carven. And here is iron withdrawn from its lair in the darkness of the earth, fashioned into the gnomon; and here is the slowly learned language of man engraven and made vocal to the eye in many strange figures; and here is man in his mysterious might, "Lord of observations natural," giving speech to the light of the sun; and here is Religion. No need of philosophy, nor of any discourse from those deeply versed in the wisdom of humanity, to tell us of the inmost thoughts of people who have placed the sundials, and in whose midst they are erected. The dial-motto is the prophet of all, be its voice sorrowful or gay, or laden with the oracles of faith. If its mission has been misapprehended or misdirected by mankind, the universal brotherhood of sorrow and pain, now that studious, far-travelled inquiry has brought the legions of dial-mottoes from every point of Europe visited by the twelve winds of heaven—now, we may not err, except through perversity of will.

The dial should stand, like a Druid's temple, in a space open to the heavens, and its motto be

worthy of the heaven of the soul that surveys it. In its presence we should feel the presence of the Eternal, and the spirit of the motto should be true to the human heart, above its sorrows and trials, reaching to daily experience and highest hopes—a token and a tone as from the Father of Light. The simple service of reading the hour and the motto is naught less than religion. Anything of overshadowing should be as that of guardian angel wings. We should not miss the words of the hymn, "Hail, gladdening light!" unless it be the hallowing of the language from the lips of the blind poet, in loneliness and darkness sung, "Hail, Holy Light!"

WATCH · FAST · WATCH · SLOW

Contributed by The Rt. Hon. Viscount Knutsford, G.C.M.G., P.C.

ON AN OLD HOUSE IN SARUM CLOSE
(dated 1749)
LIFE'S BUT A WALKING SHADOW
VII
VI
V
IX
X
XII
I
VI
VH

OLD SUNDIALS

SUNDIAL MOTTOES

Dial in
Churchyard
of
S. Stephen's
LYMPNE.
W. Hogg
1890.

CW 1826
AT SMEETH
W. Hom

SUNDIAL MOTTOES

LET · OTHERS · TELL · OF · STORMS · AND
SHOWERS
I'LL · ONLY · COUNT · YOUR · SUNNY · HOURS

The motto chosen by Queen Alexandra for the Sundial at Sandringham

ABI · NON · MORATUR · HORA · AMBULA
IN · LUCE

Begone, Time flies, walk in Light

UNITED · IN · TIME · PARTED · IN · TIME · TO
BE · REUNITED · WHEN · TIME . SHALL
BE · NO · MORE

In the King's Garden, Holyrood, on the dial presented by Charles I. to Queen Henrietta Maria

BEHOLD · AND · BEGONE · ABOUT · YOUR BUSINESS

AS · TIME · AND · HOURES · PASSETH · AWAYE
SO · DOETH · THE · LIFE · OF · MAN · DECAYE
AS · TIME · CAN · BE · REDEEMED · WITH · NO COST
BESTOW · IT · WELL · AND · LET · NO · HOURE BE · LOST

On a ring dial

CUM · TEMPUS · NON · EXISTET · TUNC MORIOR

When Time is not, then only shall I pass away

CURSUM · PEREGI

I have finished my course

OLD SUNDIALS

CARPE · DIEM

Ah, take the Cash in hand and waive the Rest

TO · NO · ONE · IS · GIVEN · RIGHT · OF · DELAY
NOTED · IN · HEAVEN · PASSETH · EACH · DAY
BE · THOU · NOT · FRUITLESS · WORK · WHILE
YE · MAY
TRIFLING · WERE · BOOTLESS · WATCH · THOU
AND · PRAY

CITO · PEDE · LABITUR · AETAS

The Bird of Time has but a little way
To fly—and Lo! the Bird is on the Wing

THESE · SHADES · SO · FLEET · FROM · DAY · TO
DAY
AND · SO · THIS · LIFE · PASSETH · AVVAIE

THE BOOK OF

KNOW · THYSELF

AS · SHADOWE · SO · MAN · SPEEDETH

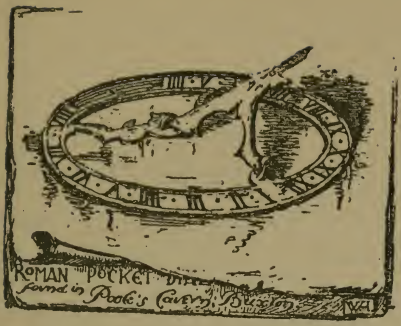
DIES · DIEM · TRUDIT

A day may ruin thee

DUM · SPECTAS · FUGIO

I fly away even whilst thou watchest me

TIME · TIDE
DOTH · WAIST
THEREFORE
MAKE · HASTE
WE · SHALL


ROMAN POCKET DIAL
found in Poole's Cavern, Buxton
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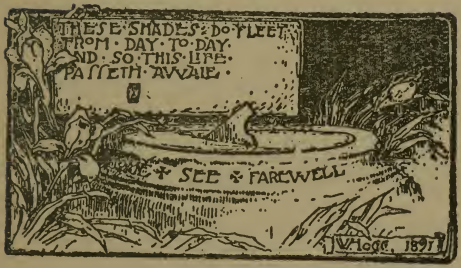

THESE SHADES DO FLEE
FROM DAY TO DAY
AND SO THIS LIFE
PASSETH AWAIE
SEE FAREWELL
W. Hodge, 1891

OLD SUNDIALS

DUM · FUGIT · UMBRA · QUIESCO

The Shadow moves though I be at rest

AS · THE · SUNE · RUNS · SO · DEATH · COMES

DONA · PRAESENTIS · CAPE · LOETUS · HORAE

The guerdon of the passing hour
Seize gladly while 'tis in thy power

BRIGHT · SOL · AND · LUNA · TIME · AND
TIDE · DOTH · HOLD

DEPRESSA · RESURGO

I set to rise

BON · JOUR · BON · SOIR

AS · THESE · HOURS · DOTH · PASS · AWAY
SO · DOTH · THE · LIFE · OF · MEN · DECAY
MEMENTO · MORI

DISPONIT · TEMPUS · DIES

Days make Years

A · DAY · MAY · RUIN · THEE · IMPROVE · THIS
HOUR
A.D. · MDCCXXXII

DISCE · TUOS · NUMERARE · DIES

Learn to number thy days

AT
DENTON.
W. Hogg. 1893

OLD SUNDIALS

THE · HOUR · NOW · SHOWN · PERHAPS · MAY
BE · THY · LAST
REPENT · AND · PRAY · BEFORE · THAT · HOUR
BE · PAST

EN · SUPRA · VITA · FUGAX · EN · INFRA · CERTA
MORS

Life is fleeting : Death is sure

THIS · FOURFOLD · INDEX · OF · SWIFT · TIME
ON · WHICH · YE · SHADOW · VEERETH · ROUND
SHOULD · MAN · EXCITE · TO · THEMES · SUB-
LIME
SINCE · NOUT · BUT · SHADOWS · HERE · ARE
FOUND

EX · HOC · MOMENTO · PENDET · AETERNITAS

Thine action now may weigh down the scales of Fate

BEHOLD · NOW · IS · THE · ACCEPTED · TIME
(2 · Cor. VI. 2)
SEEK · YE · THE · LORD · WHILE · HE · MAY · BE
FOUND · (Isa. LV. 6)

EHEU · FUGACES · LABUNTUR · ANNI

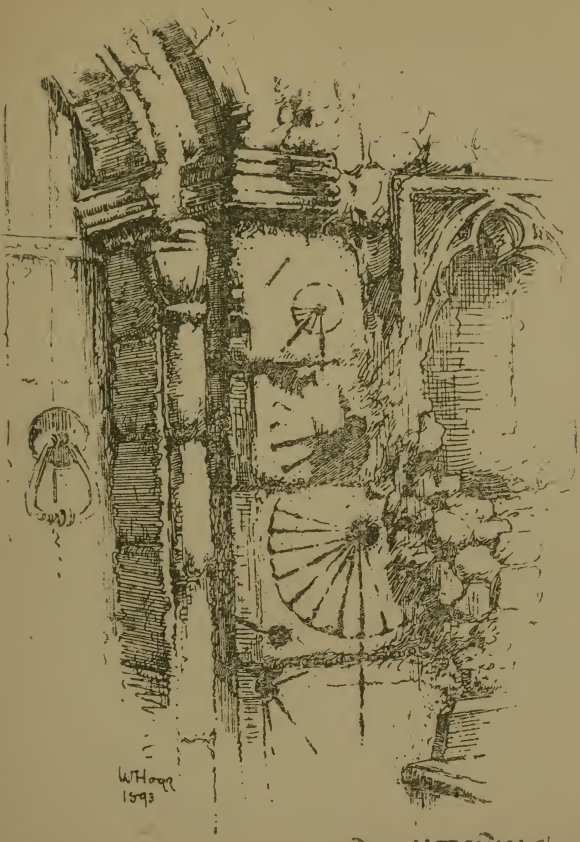
Time like an ever-rolling stream
Bears all its sons away

VIRTUE · JOIN · PRECIOUS · TIME

ECCE · HORA

Behold, the hour of Destiny!

THUS · ETERNITY · APPROACHETH



AT MERSHAM Church

OLD SUNDIALS

TRIFLE · NOT · YOUR · TIME'S · SHORT

ETERNUM · TIBI · SEMPER · ADESSE · PUTA

Remember thou art ever on the brink of Eternity

L'HEURE · PASSE · L'AMITIE · RESTE

The Hour passeth, Friendship abideth

EXHIBE · FIDEM · VOCIS

Make good thy word

FESTINA · LENTE

Hasten slowly

THE · HOUR · THOU · READEST · NOW · ON · ME
WILL · NEVER · MORE · BE · OFFERED · THEE
IF · THOU · TAK'ST · HEED · WISE · THOU · WILT
BE

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TIME · CAN · DO · MUCH

§

TIME · IS · MORE · SACRED · THAN · GOLD

§

C'EST · L'HEURE · DE · BIEN · FAIRE

This is thy fortunate hour

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FUGIO · FUGE

I flee away : do thou also flee

"The sundial stood as the garden god of Christian Gardens. It spoke of moderate labours, of pleasure not protracted after sunset."

OLD SUNDIALS

OH · EARLY · PASSENGER · LOOK · UP · BE · WISE
AND · THINK · HOW · NIGHT · AND · DAY · TIME
EVER · FLIES

FESTINAT · SUPREMA

The last hour approacheth

I · SEEK · MY · LIGHT · FROM · GOD

FUGIT · DIES

The day flies on

TO-MORROW'S · HOURS · MAY · BE · LESS
FORTUNATE

THE BOOK OF

I'LL · LIVE · TO-MORROW · YOU · DELAYING · CRY
IN · WHAT · FAR · COUNTRY · DOES · TO-MORROW
LIE

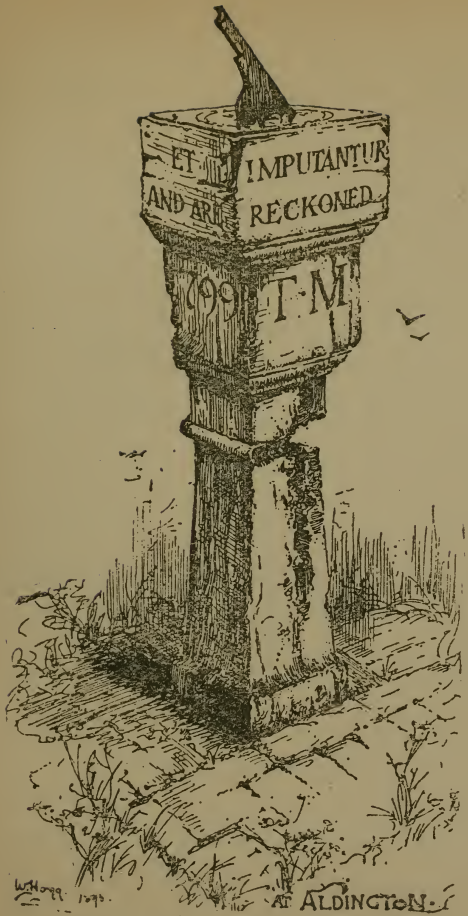
TIME'S · A · HAND'S · BREADTH · 'TIS · A
TALE
'TIS · A · VESSEL · UNDER · SAIL
'TIS · AN · EAGLE · IN · ITS · WAY
DARTING · DOWN · UPON · ITS · PREY
'TIS · AN · ARROW · IN · ITS · FLIGHT
MOCKING · THE · PURSUING · SIGHT

FUGIT · HORA · SINE · MORA

Time passeth away unceasingly

FINEM · VITAE · SPECTA

Behold the end of Life


ET IMPUTANTUR
AND ARE RECKONED
T·M
AT ALDINGTON

OLD SUNDIALS

THE · LEARNED · LINE · SHOWETH · THE CITY'S · HOUR

On a sundial in Milan

FUGAX · EST · AETAS

One thing is certain, that Life flies

GRATA · SUPERVENIET · QUAE · NON SPERABITUR · HORA

Thou mayest yet be glad of Death

HORA · FUGIT · RAPIDE · LETHUMQ · INVADIT INERMES

The hours glide swiftly, and the unguarded are easily surprised

OLD · FATHER · TIME · STANDS · STILL · FOR NONE
THIS · MOMENT · HERE · THE · NEXT · HE'S GONE
AND · THOUGH · YOU · SPEAK · HIM · NE'ER · SO KIND
HE · NEVER · LAGS · ONE · STEP · BEHIND
IF · THEN · WITH · TIME · YOU'D · FORWARD · BE
YOU · E'EN · MUST · RUN · AS · FAST · AS · HE

FUMUS · ET · UMBRA · SUMUS

Smoke and shadows are we

FUGIT · IRREPARABILE · TEMPUS

Time flies, never to be recalled

THE · DAY · IS · THINE

In ye
Church-yd
Tiderwell
Patterdale
1810

OLD SUNDIALS

HINC · VIVERE · DISCE · ILLINC · DISCE · MORI

Learn to live, and be ready to die

THAT · SOLAR · SHADOW · AS · IT · MEASURES
LIFE
IT · LIFE · RESEMBLES · TOO

HORA · QUASI · UMBRA

Time is but a shadow

TIME · WASTED · IS · EXISTENCE · USED · IS
LIFE

AS · A · SHADOW · SUCH · IS · LIFE

THE BOOK OF

A · SPAN · IS · ALL · THAT · WE · CAN · BOAST
AN · INCH · OR · SO · OF · TIME
MAN · IS · BUT · VANITY · AND · DUST
IN · ALL · HIS · FLOWER · AND · PRIME

HORA · PARS · VITAE

Every hour shortens life

BE · THANKFUL · WATCH · PRAY · WORK

HORAM · QUAM · PETIS · REDIMITE

Make hay while the sun shines

AS · THE · SHADE · IS · SO • IS · LIFE

Hospice of
S. Cross.
Winchester.

OLD SUNDIALS

SHADOW · AND · SUN · SO · TOO · OUR · LIVES
ARE · MADE
YET · THINK · HOW · GREAT · THE · SUN · HOW
SMALL · THE · SHADE

HOC · TUUM · EST

The present only is thine own

HEU · QUAERIMUS · UMBRAM

We pursue a shadow

HOC · AGE

This do

I · BIDE · MY · TIME · I · STAY · FOR · NO · MAN

MEN · DO · BLAME · TIME · WHILE · IT · THEY
SPEND
UNTO · NO · PURPOSE · OR · TO · A · BAD · END

HODIE · MIHI · CRAS · TIBI

To-day is mine: To-morrow may be thine

THERE · IS · A · SEASON · FOR · EVERYTHING

THE · GAY · WHO · WOULD · BE · COUNTED · WISE
THINK · ALL · DELIGHT · IN · PASTIME · LIES
NOR · HEED · THEY · WHAT · THE · WISE · CON-
DEMN
WHILST · THEY · PASS · TIME · TIME · PASSES
THEM

OLD SUNDIALS

TIME'S · GLASS · AND · SCYTHE
THY · LIFE · AND · DEATH · DECLARE
SPEND · WELL · THY · TIME
AND · FOR · THY · DEATH · PREPARE

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INTER · CAESAREM · ET · GALBAM · SOL
MINISTRAT · UMBRAM

The Sun shines alike on beggars and kings

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IMMOTUM · IN · MOTU

Ever the same

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SENZA · PALAR · DA · TUTTI · SON · INTESO
SENZA · PALESO · FAR · RUMOR · L' ORA

Without speaking I am understood by all
Without a noise I reveal the hour

INGRAVANTIBUS · ANNIS

Our years multiply

LABOR · IPSE · VOLUPTAS

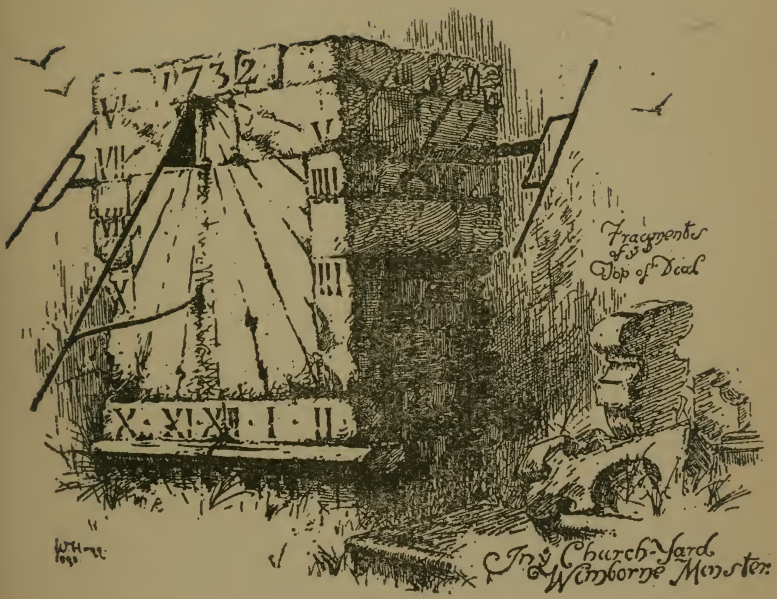
Even toil itself is pleasant

IT · IS · LATER · THAN · YOU · THINK

LEX · DEI · LUX · DIEI

God's Law may be read in the light of the Sun

LET · YOUR · LIGHT · SO · SHINE · THAT · MEN
MAY · SEE · YOUR · GOOD · WORKS


1732
X · XI · XII · I · II
Fragments of Top of Dial
In ye Church-Yard Wimborne Minster

OLD SUNDIALS

READ · ON · THIS · DIAL · HOW · THE · SHADOWS
DEVOUR
MY · SHORT-LIVED · WINTER'S · DAY · HOUR
EATS · UP · HOUR
ALAS · THE · TOTAL'S · BUT · FROM · EIGHT · TO
FOUR

MAKE · THE · PASSING · SHADOW · SERVE
THY · WILL

LUCE · LABORANDUM

Work for the Night cometh

THOU · BY · THY · DIAL'S · SHADY · STEALTH
MAYST · KNOW
TIME'S · THIEVISH · PROGRESS · TO · ETERNITY

Shakespeare's Sonnet LXXVII

THE BOOK OF

IN · HIS · OWN · IMAGE · THE · CREATOR · MADE
HIS · OWN · PURE · SUNBEAM · QUICKENED
THEE · O · MAN
THOU · BREATHING · DIAL · SINCE · THY · NAME
BEGAN
THE · PRESENT · HOUR · WAS · EVER · MARKED
BY · SHADE

LUX · POST · UMBRAM

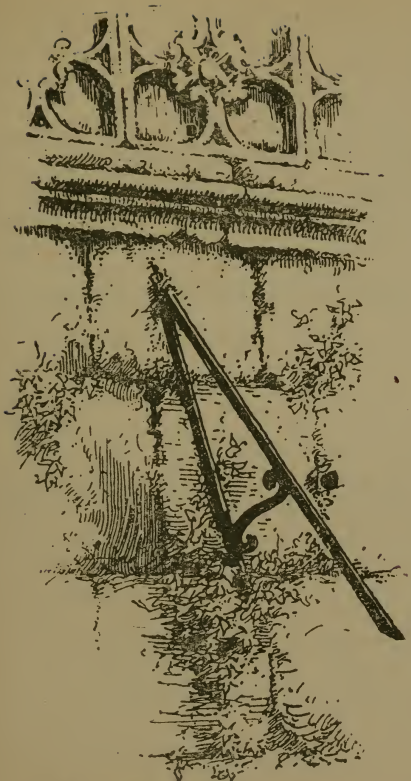
After darkness light

LUX · VENIT · AB · ALTO

The light cometh from on high

LUCEO · ET · LATEO

I shine and set



On Banqueting Hall
Wingfield Manor

OLD SUNDIALS

WHEN · THOU · DOST · LOOK · UPON · MY · FACE
TO · LEARN · THE · TIME · OF · DAY
THINK · HOW · MY · SHADOW · KEEPS · ITS · PACE
AS · THY · LIFE · FLIES · AWAY
TAKE · MORTAL · THIS · ADVICE · FROM · ME
AND · SO · RESOLVE · TO · SPEND
THY · LIFE · ON · EARTH · THAT · HEAVEN · SHALL
BE
THY · HOME · WHEN · TIME · SHALL · END

In County Kerry, Ireland

I · NOTE · THE · TIME · THAT · YOU · WASTE

LUX · UMBRA · DEI

Light is the shadow of God

LOOK · FORWARD

NOW · IS · YESTERDAY'S · TO-MORROW

WHILST · PHOEBUS · ON · ME · SHINES
THEN · VIEW · MY · SHADE · AND · LINES

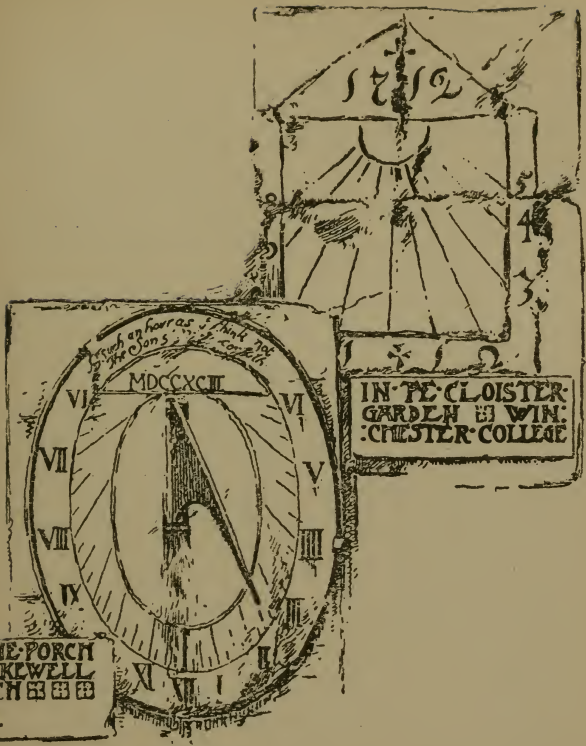
LIFE'S · BUT · A · SHADOW
MAN'S · BUT · DUST
THIS · DIALL · SAYS
DY · ALL · WE · MUST

MORA · TRAHIT · PERICULUM

Delay is dangerous

ME · ORTUM · VIDES · FORSAN · NON · OCCASUM

Thou hast seen me rise but mayst not see me set


1752
IN·TE·CLOISTER·
GARDEN ⊞ WIN:
:CHESTER·COLLEGE
Teach us to number our days
MDCCXCIII
ON·THE·PORCH
OF·BAKEWELL
CHVRCH ⊞⊞⊞
1793.

OLD SUNDIALS

A · MOMENT · MARK · HOW · SMALL · A · SPACE
THE · DIAL · SHOWS · UPON · THE · FACE
YET · WASTE · BUT · ONE · AND · YOU · SEE
OF · HOW · GREAT · MOMENT · IT · CAN · BE

At Oxford, on a dial bearing the arms of the Earl of Wharton

IO · VADE · E · VENGO · OGNI · GIORNO
MA · TU · ANDRAI · SENZA · RITORNO

I go and come every day
But thou shalt go without returning

(*In a Riviera garden*)

MEMOR · ESTO · BREVIS · AEVI

Be mindful that life is short

MIND · YOUR · BUSINESS

THE BOOK OF

MORS · ULTIMA · POENA · EST

Death is the last great penalty

WHAT · THOU · SEEKEST · IS · A · SHADOW

MORS · OMNIA · VINCIT

Death conquers all

MORS · DE · DIE · ACCELERAT

Every day brings Death nearer

MORS · NOBIS · QUOTIDIE · IMMINET

To-morrow I may be
Myself with Yesterday's Sev'n Thousand Years

"The Dial seems a witness with a silent voice, amid the changes of this life, to the lastingness of things."

OLD SUNDIALS

MARK · THE · MOMENTS · TROD · FOR · GOOD
OR · ILL

On Warwick Priory

I · STAND · ON · EARTH

MORIENDO · VIVO

Death is in Life

METAM · PROPERAMUS · AD · UNAM

All must die

I'M · GOING · WHERE · TIME · FOLLOWS · NOT
WHERE · IS · ETERNITY

EVERY · ONE · HATH · EVERY · ONE · ONE
SHADE
AND · YOU · BUT · ONE · CAN · EVERY · SHADOW
LEND

Shakespeare's Sonnet LIII

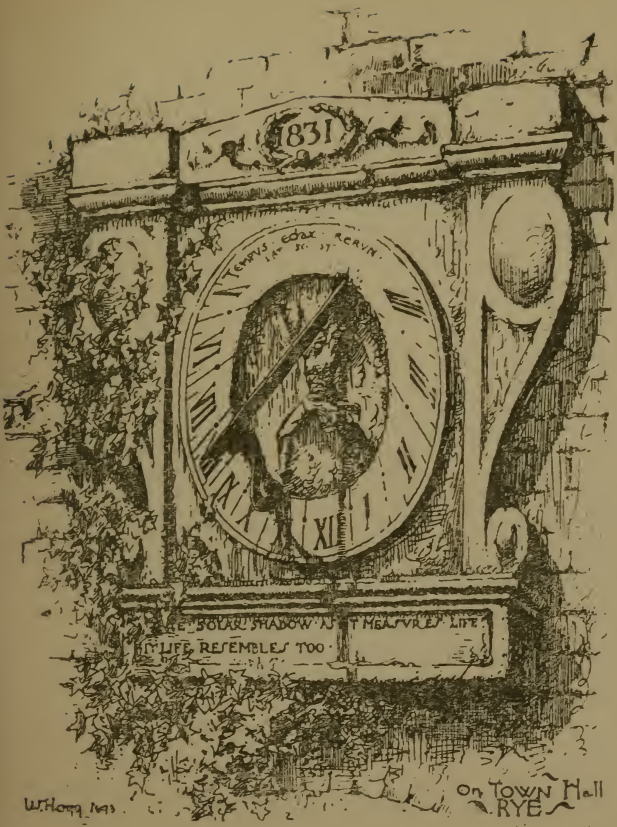
REDEEM · YE · TIME

WE · MAY · NOT · STAY

REMEMBER · THOU · ART · MORTAL

MENTIRI · NON · EST · MEUM

I do not lie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TEMPVS EDAX RERVM
XI
SOLAR SHADOW NOT MEASURES LIFE
NOR LIFE RESEMBLES TOO
W. Hogg 1913
On TOWN Hall
RYE

OLD SUNDIALS

THE · SILENT · SHADOW · SPEAKS
DOST · THOU · HEED

NEMO · SINE · CRIMINE · VIVIT

The brightest day has its shadows

NIL · DAT · QUOD · NON · HABET

Of nothing, nothing can come

NON · SEMPER · ERUNT · SATURNALIA

Fill the Cup
Before Life's Liquor in its Cup be dry

ALLEZ · VOUS

Pass on

NON · SINE · LUMINE

Not without light

NULLA · DIES · SINE · LINEA

Live every day

NASCIMUR · ET · MORIMUR

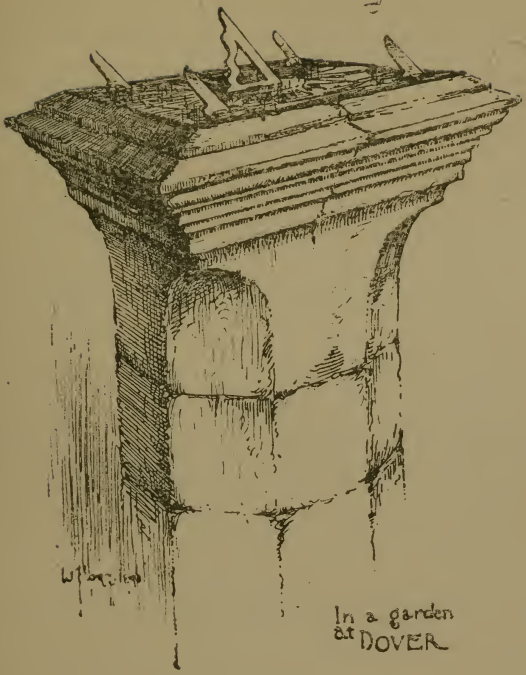
Born and dead

NOLI · CONFIDERE · NOCTI

Thou mayest never see to-night

NON · MOROR

I do not stop



In a garden at DOVER

OLD SUNDIALS

SEE · THE · LITTLE · DAY-STAR · MOVING
LIFE · AND · TIME · ARE · WORTH · IMPROVING
SEIZE · THE · MOMENTS · WHILE · THEY · STAY
SEIZE · AND · USE · THEM
LEST · YOU · LOSE · THEM
AND · LAMENT · THE · WASTED · DAY

LIFE · IS · A · VAIN · SHADOW

SHORT · THE · DAY · AND · GREAT · THE · WORK

SHADOW · AND · SHINE · IS · LIFE

NON · REDIBO

I shall not come again

AMENDE · TO-DAY · AND · SLACK · NOT
DETHE · COMETH · AND · WARNETH · NOT
TYME · PASSETH · AND · SPEKETH · NOT

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NEC · SOL · IN · SUMMO · MANET

The Sun hath its share of gloom

§

TIME · WAS · IS · PAST · THOU · CANST · NOT · IT RECALL
TIME · IS · THOU · HAST · EMPLOY · THE · PORTION SMALL
TIME · FUTURE · IS · NOT · AND · MAY · NEVER BE
TIME · PRESENT · IS · THE · ONLY · TIME · FOR THEE

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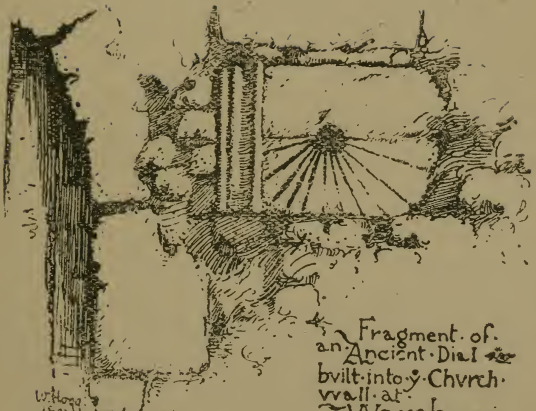
A · CLOCK · THE · TIME · MAY · WRONGLY · TELL
I · NEVER · IF · THE · SUN · SHINES · WELL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Warehorne

OLD SUNDIALS

TIME · FLIES · LINES · RISE · AND · SHADOWS · FALL
LET · IT · PASS · BY
LOVE · REIGNS · FOR · EVER · OVER · ALL

I · WAKEN · WITH · THE · RISING · SUN
AND · SLEEP · WHEN · HIS · LONG · COURSE · IS
RUN

NIL · BONI · HODIE · DIEM · PERDIDI

Count that day lost whose low descending sun
Views from thy hand no noble action done

NEQUE · LUX · SINE · UMBRA

Light cannot be without shade

LIVE · TO-DAY

THERE · IS · NO · ARMOUR · AGAINST · FATE
DEATH · LAYS · HIS · ICY · HAND · ON · KINGS

NOS · UT · UMBRA

We are as a shadow

THE · UTMOST · FOR · THE · HIGHEST

The motto on the sundial belonging to the late G. F. Watts, R.A., at his residence, Limnerslease, Compton

NESCITIS · HORAM

Ye know not the hour

NOSTRA · LATET

Our time lies hid

OLD SUNDIALS

THY · DIAL · WILL · SHOW · HOW · THY
PRECIOUS · MINUTES · WASTE

Shakespeare's Sonnet LXXVII

SHINING · SPOT · FOR · EVER · SHINING
BRIGHTEST · HOURS · HAVE · NO · ABIDING
USE · THY · GOLDEN · MOMENTS · WELL
LIFE · IS · WASTING
DEATH · IS · HASTING
DEATH · CONSIGNS · TO · HEAVEN · OR · HELL

NON · METUIT · MORTEM · QUI · SCIT · CONTEMNERE · VITAM

He fears not Death who has learnt to despise Life

EVERY · DAY · BRINGS · DEATH · NEARER

THE BOOK OF

NON · QUANTUM · SED · QUO · MODO

The manner, not the matter

WHAT · IS · YOUR · SUBSTANCE · WHEREOF · ARE YOU · MADE
THAT · MILLIONS · OF · STRANGE · SHADOWS ON YOU TEND

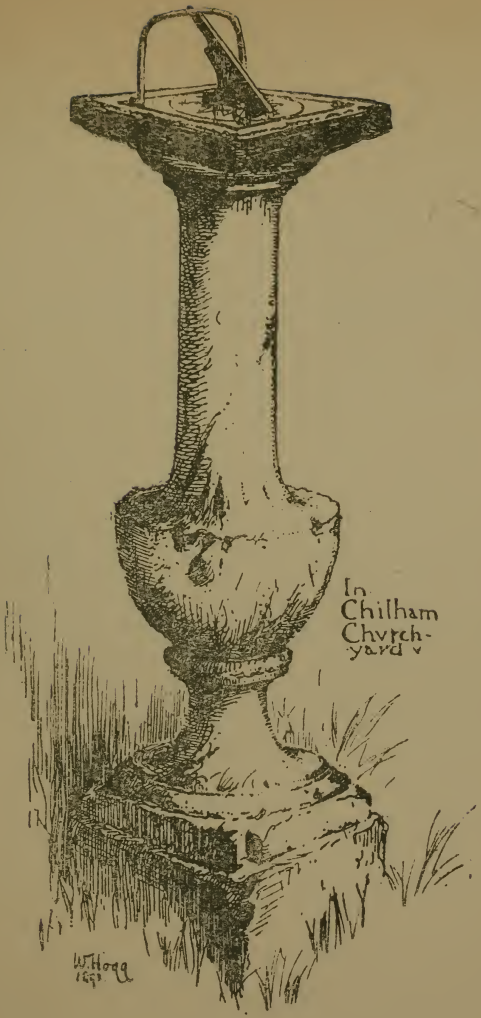
Shakespeare's Sonnet LIII

NIHIL · VELOCIUS · ANNIS

Nothing is fleeter than Time

NON · REGO · NISI · REGAR

As I am directed I direct


In
Chilham
Chvrch-
yard

OLD SUNDIALS

RETAIN · YOUR · LOYALTY · PRESERVE · YOUR RIGHTS

C'EST · L'HEURE · DE · BOIRE

'Tis time to drink

(*On an inn at Lilbourne*)

'TIS · NOTHING · BUT · A · MAGIC · SHADOW SHOW
PLAYED · IN · A · BOX · WHOSE · CANDLE · IS · THE SUN
ROUND · WHICH · WE · PHANTOM · FIGURES COME · AND · GO

OMNEM · CREDE · DIEM · TIBI · DILUXISSE SUPREMUM

So act as if every day were thy last

AH · WHAT · IS · HUMAN · LIFE
HOW · LIKE · THE · DIAL'S · TARDY · MOVING SHADE
DAY · AFTER · DAY · GLIDES · BY · US · UNPERCEIVED
YET · SOON · MAN'S · LIFE · IS · UP · AND · WE · ARE GONE

OMNIA · FALCE · METIT · TEMPUS

Nothing 'gainst Time's scythe can make defence

VIVI · BREV' ORE · INDI · A · SERRAR · VAI · GLI OCCHI

Live your brief hour, then for ever close your eyes

OMBRA · FALLACE · QUE · MENTRE · S'APPRESSA FUGGE

Delusive Shadow, so speedy in thy flight!

Roman Sundial
in Dover Museum

OLD SUNDIALS

DIALL · (*loc.*) · STAIE · PASSINGER
TELL · ME · MY · NAME
THY · NATURE
PASS · (*resp.*) · THY · NAME · IS · DIE
ALL · I · AM · A · MORTALL
CREATURE
DIALL · (*loc.*) · SINCE · MY · NAME
AND · THY · NATURE
SO · AGREE
THINK · ON · THY · SELFE
WHEN · THOU · LOOKST
UPON · ME

INJURE · NO · MAN

AVOID · ANGER

IN · GOD'S · GOOD · TIME

THE BOOK OF

ONLY · AS · I · ABIDE · IN · THE · LIGHT · OF HEAVEN
DO · I · FULFIL · THE · WILL · OF · MY · MAKER

ORIENS · SOL · ADORNATUR

Lo! the Hunter of the East has caught
The Sultan's turret in a Noose of Light

WITH · MY · SHADOW · MOVES · THE · WORLD

OMNIA · FERT · AETAS

Time brings all things to pass

OTIUM · FUGE

Fly idleness

Time Wanes & Flowres Die
ARRINGTON MOGG 1891

Ons Priory. WARWICK
Mark the moments good
or good or ill.
W.H. 1893

OLD SUNDIALS

PEREUNT · ET · IMPUTANTUR

The hours vanish, yet are they recorded

POST · VOLUPTATEM · MISERICORDIA

Night treads upon the heels of Day

PEACE · LOVE · AND · UNITY · THRO' · TIME · TO ETERNITY

PRIZE · TIME

YESTERDAY'S · GONE · TO-DAY · IS · HERE
TO-MORROW · NEVER · MAY · APPEAR

THE BOOK OF

OUR · LIFE'S · A · FLYING · SHADOW · GOD'S · THE POLE
DEATH · THE · HORIZON · WHERE · OUR · SUN IS · SET
THE · INDEX · POINTING · AT · HIM · IS · OUR SOUL
AND · WILL · THROUGH · CHRIST · A · RESURRECTION · GET

Milton Church, Berks

PULVIS · ET · UMBRA · SUMUS

We are as dust and shadows

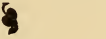
THE · HOURS · FLY · FAST · ON · WINGS · OF · LIGHT

REPOSE · AFTER · LABOUR · IS · SWEET

"Alas! the idle tale of man is found
Depicted in the Dial's moral round."

OLD SUNDIALS

AS · SILENT · I · STAND · MID · Ye · FLOWERS
I · RECKON · ALL · Ye · PASSING · HOURS
GAZER · WHO · LOOKEST · ON · ME · NOW
THE · HOURS · OF · LIFE · DOST · RECKON · THOU



PRAESTANT · AETERNA CADUCIS

Eternity is more than Time

NOW · OR · WHEN

On Beverley Minster

HE · WHO · HESITATES · IS · LOST

NOTHING · IS · TRUE · BUT · THE · LIGHT

WHEN · THOU · DOST · GAZE · UPON · MY · FACE
THINK · THEN · OF · TIME · HOW · SWIFT · HIS PACE
AND · THAT · WITH · EVERY · MOMENT · FLOWN
THY · OPPORTUNITY · IS · GONE

POST · EST · OCCASIO · CALVA

One thing is certain, and the Rest is Lies:
The Flower that once has blown for ever dies

PROXIMA · NON · NOSTRA · EST

To-morrow may never come

QUOD · TIBI · FIERI · NON · VIS · ALTERI · NE FECERIS

Do as thou wouldst willingly be done by

FOLKES TONE
Copy of a
very Ancient Cross

OLD SUNDIALS

THE · SHADOW · FLIES · AND · IT · IS · SEEN
NO · MORE

QUALIS · VITA · FINIS · ITA

A virtuous Life, a peaceful Eternity

QUA · REDIT · NESCITIS · HORAM

Ye know not the hour of His coming again

QUID · CELERIUS · TEMPORE

What is swifter than Time?

QUOD · PETIS · UMBRA · EST

Thou pursuest a shadow

MY · HOURES · ARE · MADE · OF · SUN · AND SHADE
TAKE · HEDE · OF · WHAT · YOUR · HOURES · BE MADE

LIFE · AS · THIS · SHADE
DOTH · FLY · AND · FADE

QUOD · VIDES · NON · DIU

Things seen are temporal

QUASI · UMBRA · TRANSIT · VITA

Life passes like the shadow

OUR · DAYS · DECLINE · LIKE · A · SHADOW

In a
Staine Glass
Window at
Derby
Dum • speclas fugio •
III
II
I
V
VI
VII
XI X
By the
Sun-dial
Dane Tehu.
Spring
Autumn
Autumn &
Winter
Canterbury

OLD SUNDIALS

SO · GLIDE · THE · HOURS · SO · WEARS · THE DAY
THESE · MOMENTS · MEASURE · LIFE · AWAY
WITH · ALL · ITS · TRAINS · OF · HOPE · AND · FEAR
TILL · SHIFTING · SCENES · OF · SHADE · AND LIGHT
RISE · TO · THE · ETERNAL · DAY · OR · SINK · IN ENDLESS · NIGHT

Dr Watts

LIFE · IS · SHORT · TIME · IS · SWIFT · MUCH · IS TO · BE · DONE

THE · CARELESS · LOOK · AND · DO · NOT · HEED
THE · WISE · TAKE · NOTE · AS · ME · THEY · READ
TEMPUS · FUGIT

QUID · STAS · TRANSIT · HORA

What doest thou? Time is flying

REDIME · TEMPUS · NIL · PERPETUUM

Seize the flying hour: it will not come again

AS · TYME · DOTH · HASTE
SO · LIFE · DOTH · WASTE

REVOCABILE · TEMPUS

O stay the Sun in its march across the heavens

RESURGA

Awake to Life

RESURGAM

I shall rise again

OLD SUNDIALS

OBSERVE · HOW · FAST · TIME · HURRIES · PAST
THEN · USE · EACH · HOUR · WHILE · IN · YOUR POWER
FOR · COMES · THE · SUN · BUT · TIME · FLIES ON
PROCEEDING · EVER · RETURNING · NEVER

REMEMBER

THE · SHADOWES · FLOWN · RETURN · NO · MORE

RELIGIONEM · COLE

Honour Religion

GOD · GIVETH · ALL

OF · SHADE · AND · SUNSHINE · FOR · EACH · HOUR
SEE · HERE · A · MEASURE · MADE
THEN · WONDER · NOT · IF · LIFE · CONSIST
OF · SUNSHINE · AND · OF · SHADE

SIC · TRANSIT · GLORIA · MUNDI

So sinks the God of Day

THE · SUN · ON · ME · DOTH · SHADOW · THROW
WHAT · SHALL · THIS · DAY · THY · MORROW
SHOW

GIVE · GOD · THY · HEART · THY · HOPES · THY
SERVICE · AND · THY · GOLD
THE · DAY · WEARS · ON · AND · TIME · IS · WAXING
OLD

OLD SUNDIALS

SOL · LUCET · CHARITAS · EXTENDIT OMNIBUS

The Sun, like Charity, knows not distinctions of persons

SIC · PRAETERIT · AETAS

Old Time is still a-flying

SIC · HOMINIS · VITA

Such is the life of man

SEMPER · IN · MOTU

Ever moving

SO · FLIES · LIFE · AWAY

I · WISH · THE · SUN · WOULD · SHINE · ON · ALL
MEN'S · FRUITS . AND · FLOWERS · AS
WELL · AS · MINE

In the garden of Balcarres, Fife

SENSIM · SINE · SENSU

Ah, yet doth Beauty, like a dial-hand,
Steal from his figure, and no pace perceived

SENESCIMUS · EFFUGIT · AETAS

Like as the waves make toward the pebbled shore
So do our minutes hasten to their end

I · GIVE · MEN · WARNING · HOW · THE · HOURS
FLY
FOR · MEN · ARE · SHADOWS · AND · A · SHADOW · I

OLD SUNDIALS

HE · THAT · WOULD · THRIVE · MUST · RISE · AT FIVE
HE · THAT · HATH · THRIVEN · MUST · STAY TILL · SEVEN
HE · THAT · WILL · NEVER · THRIVE · MAY · LIE TILL · ELEVEN

MY · HOURS · ARE · SUMMED · IN · SHINE · AND SHADE
OF · JOY · AND · SADNESS · MAN'S · ARE · MADE

SIC · TIBI · TEMPUS · ERIT
Thy time cometh

SEMPER · PARATUM
Ever ready

I · HAVE · NO · VOICE · AND · YET · I · SPEAK
TAKE · HEED · WHEN · YOU · THE · TIME · DO
SEEK

SUPREMA · MULTIS · HORA · FORSAN · TIBI

'Tis the Hour of Destiny for many, perhaps for thee

J' AVANCE

I move forward

SICUT · FLOS

Fragile as a flower

SOL · MINISTRAT · UMBRAM

The Sun causes the Shadow

At
ASTLETON
DERBY:
:SHIRE

OLD SUNDIALS

IMPROVE · THE · PRESENT · HOUR · FOR · ALL
BESIDE
IS · A · MERE · FEATHER · ON · A · TORRENT'S
TIDE

COUNT · THE · HOURS · AS · ONE · BY · ONE
THEY · FLY

THE · MOMENT · PAST · LAID · MANY · FAST

SOL · GLORIA · SPHERAE

The Sun is the glory of the universe

SUMUS · FUMUS

We vanish like smoke

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NOR · DO · I · BEG · THIS · SLENDER · NICHE · TO
WHILE
MY · TIME · AWAY · OR · SAFELY · TO · BEGUILE
MY · THOUGHTS · WITH · JOY · THERE'S · NO-
THING · WORTH · A · SMILE

SIC · IMUS · AD · ATRIA · LUCIS
AUT · UMBRAS · EREBI

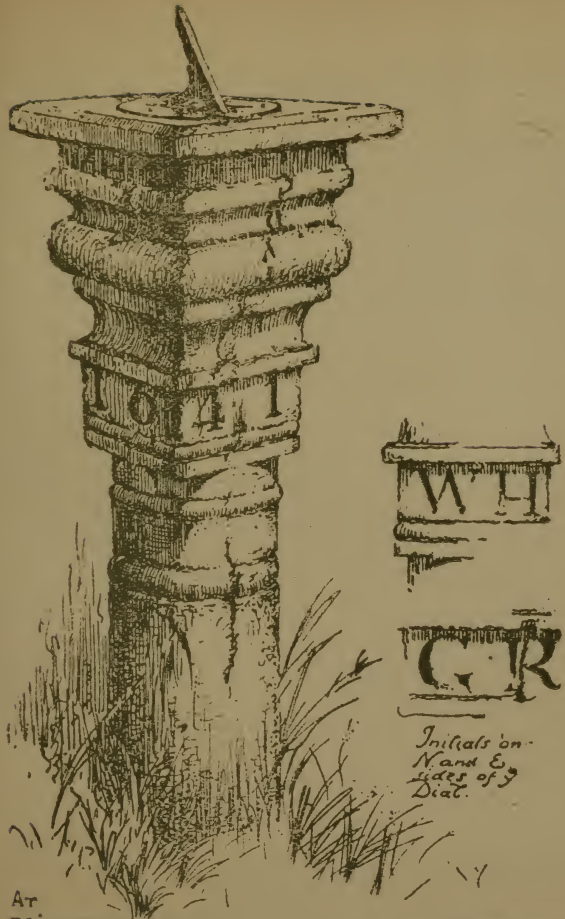
Thus we pass on to the Halls of Light or to the Dwelling of the Shades

SOL · SPLENDIT · OMNIBUS

The Sun shines for all

ICH · DIEN

I serve



At MINSTER in KENT

W Hogg 1893

OLD SUNDIALS

I · MARK · NOT · THE · HOURS · UNLESS · THEY BE · BRIGHT
I · MARK · NOT · THE · HOURS · OF · DARKNESS AND · NIGHT
MY · PROMISE · IS · SOLELY · TO · FOLLOW · THE SUN
AND · POINT · OUT · THE · COURSE · HIS · CHARIOT DOTH · RUN

VEDI · L' ORA · MIA · E · L' ORA · TUA · NON · SAI

Thou seest my hour: beholdest thou thine?

SI · DEUS · NOBISCUM · QUIS · CONTRA · NOS

Our God and all things

SPECTATOR · FASTIDIOSUS · SIBI · MOLESTUS

He that searches too carefully is his own enemy

SIC · TRANSIT · SAYEST · THOU · WELL · THEN
LET · IT · PASS
WOULD'ST · BE · A · GLUTTON · AT · THE · FEAST
OF · LIFE
AND · EAT · AND · EAT · AND · EVER · FILL · THY
GLASS
WELL · FED · CONTENT · LAYS · DOWN · HIS · FORK
AND · KNIFE

TEMPUS · AD · LUCEM · DUCIT · VERITATEM

Time brings Truth to light

TEMPUS · OBIT · MORS · VENIT

Time dies, Death reigns

TEMPUS · VITAE · MONITOR

Time is the monitor of Life

"The sundial was so aged
It had gathered a thoughtful grace."

OLD SUNDIALS

TIME'S · A · TORRENT'S · RAPID · STREAM
TIME'S · A · SHADOW · TIME'S · A · DREAM
TIME'S · THE · CLOSING · WATCH · OF · NIGHT
DYING · AT · THE · RISING · LIGHT
TIME'S · A · BUBBLE · ON · TIME'S · SEA
USE · TIME · WELL · WHILE · TIME'S · WITH THEE

THE · TIME · TO · COME · IS · NO · MORE · OURS THAN · THE · PAST

TRANSIT · HORA · SINE · MORA

'Tis impossible to stay the fleeting hour

TEMPUS · RERUM · IMPERATOR

Time commands all things

LIFE · IS · A · PASSING · SHADOW · THE · SHADOW
OF · A · BIRD · IN · HIS · FLIGHT

From the Talmud

TIME · FLEETETH · AWAY · WITHOUT · DELAY

TENERE · NON · POTES · PERDERE · POTES

Thou canst waste me: hold me back thou canst not

TEMPUS · EDAX · RERUM

Time brings all things to an end

TARDE · SED · CERTE

Slow but sure

Sun-dial
You may Waste but cannot Stop
Mee.
Alex Rae Fecit
VII
VI
V
IIII
V.
XI
XII I II
y Church
of
King Charles
Martyr.

OLD SUNDIALS

LET · PLEASURE · BE · GRANTED · TO · YOUTH
BUT · SINCE · HUMAN · LIFE · IS · SOON · RUN
AND · HAS · BUT · TO · SPEAK · SOBER · TRUTH
TWO · MOMENTS · LET · WISDOM · HAVE • ONE

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THE · TIME · THOU · KILLEST · WILL · IN · TIME
KILL · THEE

§

TRUE · AS · THE · DIAL · TO · THE · SUN

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THINK · AND · THANK

§

TANQUAM · FUMUS

Life vanishes like smoke

REMEMBER · ALL · YE · WHO · PASS · ALL
THINGS · PASS · AS · I · PASS

TEMPUS · CELERRIME · AUFUGIT

Time passes, how swiftly, away

TEMPUS · OMNIA · REVELAT

Time reveals all things

TEMPUS · FINIT · OMNIA

Time finishes all things

TEMPORI · PARE

Yield to Time

On St Mary the Virgin's Tower. Dover.

OLD SUNDIALS

SUCH · SUCH · A · MAN · EXTENDS · HIS · LIFE'S
SHORT · SPACE
AND · FROM · THE · GOAL · AGAIN · RENEWS · THE
RACE
FOR · HE · LIVES · TWICE · WHO · CAN · AT · ONCE
EMPLOY
THE · PRESENT · WELL · AND · E'EN · THE · PAST
ENJOY

From Martial

TIME'S · ON · THE · WING

TIME · IS · PRECIOUS

HOURS · FLY
FLOWERS · DIE
NEW · DAYS
NEW · WAYS
PASS · BY
LOVE · STAYS

THE BOOK OF

A · DAY · TO · COME · SHOWS · LONGER · THAN · A
YEAR · THAT'S · GONE

TIME · IS
TOO · SLOW · FOR · THOSE · WHO · WAIT
TOO · SWIFT · FOR · THOSE · WHO · FEAR
TOO · LONG · FOR · THOSE · WHO · GRIEVE
TOO · SHORT · FOR · THOSE · WHO · REJOICE
BUT · FOR · THOSE · WHO · LOVE
TIME · IS
ETERNITY

TRUDITUR · DIES · DIE

One day succeeds another

TEMPORA · MUTANTUR · ET · NOS

Times change, and we with them

OLD SUNDIALS

SI · SANS · SOLEIL · VOUS · VIENDREZ
SANS · REPONSE · VOUS · EN · RETOURNEREZ

If without sun you come
Without a reply will you go

UT · UMBRA · SIC · VITA

Life is fleeting as the shadow

UMBRA · DEI

The Shadow of God

IN · SPACE
COMES · GRACE

LEAD · KINDLY · LIGHT

VIGILATE · ET · ORATE · TEMPUS · FUGIT

Watch and pray, Time steals away

ALL · THE · WORLD'S · A · STAGE

VENIO · UT · FUR

I steal upon you as a thief in the night

VERITAS · TEMPORIS · FILIA

Truth is the daughter of Time

SOME · COME
SOME · GO
THIS · LIFE
IS · SO

OLD SUNDIALS

UNTO · YOU · THAT · FEAR · MY · NAME · SHALL
THE · SUN · OF · RIGHTEOUSNESS · ARISE

VEHIMUR · PROPERANTIBUS · HORIS · AD
CAELUM · AUT · EREBUM

The fleeting hours waft us to happiness or misery

THE · WHIRLIGIG · OF · TIME · BRINGS · IN
HIS · REVENGES

VESTRA · LATET

Thou canst not calculate the orbit of thine own soul

VIGILATE

Be vigilant

THE BOOK OF

THE · MOVING · FINGER · WRITES · AND · HAVING WRIT
MOVES · ON · NOR · ALL · THY · PIETY · NOR · WIT
SHALL · LURE · IT · BACK · TO · CANCEL · HALF A · LINE
NOR · ALL · THY · TEARS · WASH · OUT · A · WORD OF · IT

Omar Khayyam

TO · THEM · THAT · MOURN · THE · HOURS · ARE SLOW
BUT · WITH · THE · JOYFUL · SWIFTLY · GO

UMBRA · VIDET · UMBRAM · VIVE · HODIE

One shadow gazeth at another: live this day

VANESCIT · ET · ITERUM · APPARET

It vanisheth and cometh again

OLD SUNDIALS

AS · WE · USE · THE · HOURS · SO · WILL · THE HOURS · USE · US

VIGOR · AETATIS · FLUIT · UT · FLOS · VERIS

Life at its best is but vanity

REMOVE · NOT · THE · ANCIENT · LANDMARK WHICH · THY · FATHER · HATH · SET · UP

VIVE · MEMOR · QUAM · SIS · AEVI · BREVIS

Life how short! Eternity how long!

VENTUS · QUO · VULT · SPIRAT

The wind bloweth where it listeth

WHEN · SLOTH · PUTS · URGENT · BUSINESS · BY
TO-MORROW'S · A · NEW · DAY · SHE'LL · CRY
AND · ALL · HER · MORROWS · PROVE · IT · TRUE
THEY'RE · NEVER · USED · AND · THEREFORE
NEW

SET · ME · RIGHT · AND · USE · ME · WELL
AND · I · THE · TIME · TO · YOU · WILL · TELL

On a pocket dial

VERUS · SUM · TEMPORIS · INDEX

I mark Time faithfully

VIVITE · AIT · FUGIO

Live, it says: I am hastening on

At
CHILHAM Castle

OLD SUNDIALS

SOON · SHALL · THE · SHINING · CIRCLE · CEASE TO · RUN
SOON · SHALL · TO-MORROW · TURN · TO · YESTERDAY
THAT · KNIFE · OF · SHADOW · CUTTING · IN THE · SUN
CUTS · PATIENTLY · THY · LIGHT · OF · LIFE AWAY

WORK · TO-DAY · AND · PLAY · TO-MORROW

TIME · DOTH · TRANSFIX · THE · FLOURISH · SET ON · YOUTH
AND · DELVES · THE · PARALLELS · IN · BEAUTY'S BROW
FEEDS · ON · THE · RARITIES · OF · NATURE'S TRUTH
AND · NOTHING · STANDS · BUT · FOR · HIS SCYTHE · TO · MOW

SO · SLIDE · THE · HOURS · SO · WEARS · THE · DAY
THESE · MOMENTS · MEASURE · LIFE · AWAY
WITH · ALL · ITS · TRAINS · OF · HOPE · AND · FEAR
TILL · SHIFTING · SCENES · OF · SHADE · AND
LIGHT
RISE · TO · ETERNAL · DAY · OR · SINK · IN · END-
LESS · NIGHT
WHERE · ALL · IS · JOY · OR · ALL · DESPAIR

SERENE · I · STAND
AMYDDST · YE · FLOWRES
TO · TELL · YE · PASSING
OF · Y · HOURES

LITTLE · SUN · UPON · THE · CEILING
EVER · MOVING · EVER · STEALING
MOMENTS · MINUTES · HOURS · AWAY
MAY · NO · SHADE · FORBID · THY · SHINING
WHILE · THE · HEAV'NLY · SUN · DECLINING
CALLS · US · TO · IMPROVE · THE · DAY

OLD SUNDIALS

GATHER · YE · ROSE-BUDS · WHILE · YÉ · MAY
OLD · TIME · IS · STILL · A-FLYING
AND · THIS · SAME · FLOWER · THAT · SMILES
TO-DAY
TO-MORROW · WILL · BE · DYING

WATCH · FOR · YE · KNOW · NOT · THE · HOUR

BEFORE · MY · BREATH · LIKE · BLAZING · FLAX
MAN · AND · HIS · MARVELS · PASS · AWAY
AND · CHANGING · EMPIRES · WANE · AND · WAX
ARE · FOUNDED · FLOURISH · AND · DECAY
REDEEM · MINE · HOURS

THIS · PLAINLY · SHOWS · TO · FOOLISH · MAN
THAT · HIS · WHOLE · LIFE · IS · BUT · A · SPAN

THE BOOK OF

VOLANO · L' ORE · I · GIORNI · GL' ANNI · E · I · MESI

Hours, days, months, years, all fly
(*Petrarch*)

USE · THE · PRESENT · TIME
REDEEM · THE · PAST
FOR · THUS · UNCERTAINLY
THOUGH · IMPERCEPTIBLY
THE · NIGHT · OF · LIFE
APPROACHES

In Aldingham Churchyard, Lancashire

STAY · AND · THINK

Shakespeare's Sonnet LVII

COME · IN · TIME

On a church at Bradford St George, Suffolk

"'Tis an old dial, dark with many a stain."

OLD SUNDIALS

SWIFT · FLY · THE · HOURS · AND · BRIEF · THE TIME
FOR · ACTION · AND · REPOSE
FAST · FLITS · THIS · SCENE · OF · WOE · AND CRIME
AND · SOON · THE · WHOLE · SHALL · CLOSE
THE · EVENING · SHADOWS · DEEPER · FALL
THE · DAYLIGHT · DIES · AWAY
WAKE · SLUMBERER · AT · THE · MASTER'S · CALL
AND · WORK · WHILE · IT · IS · DAY

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TU · NUMERI · L' ORE · MA · NON · SAI · L' ORA DELLA · MORTE

Thou numberest the hours, but knowest not the hour of Death

§

BEING · YOUR · SLAVE · WHAT · SHOULD · I · DO BUT · TEND
UPON · THE · HOURS · AND · TIMES · OF · YOUR DESIRE

Shakespeare

USE · WELL · THE · PRESENT · MOMENTS · AS THEY · FLEET
YOUR · LIFE · HOWEVER · SHORT · WILL · BE COMPLETE
IF · AT · ITS · FATAL · ENDING · YOU · CAN · SAY
I'VE · LIVED · AND · MADE · THE · MOST · OF EVERY · DAY

In Waterfall Churchyard, Staffordshire

COME · LIGHT · VISIT · ME

In the garden of Harriet Martineau

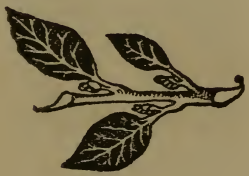
WATCH · FASTER · WATCH · SLOWER

TAK' · TINT · O' · TIME · ERE · TIME · TAK' · TINT O' · THEE

OLD SUNDIALS

WITH · WARNING · HAND · I · MARK · TIME'S
RAPID · FLIGHT
FROM · LIFE'S · GLAD · MORNING · TO · ITS
SOLEMN · NIGHT
YET · THROUGH · THE · DEAR · GOD'S · LOVE · I
ALSO · SHOW
THERE'S · A · LIGHT · ABOVE · ME · BY · THE
SHADE · BELOW

Written by John Greenleaf Whittier, for a Sundial



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